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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN: PROPOSED VISIT BY DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM (NASM)

1. MICHAEL COLLINS, DIRECTOR, NASM, WISHES VISIT MOSCOW TO CONSULT SOVIET OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH EXHIBITION OF AVIATION AND SPACE EXPLORATION ARTIFACTS, WITH REGARD NEW SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM NOW BEING PREPARED FOR OPENING 1976. COLLINS WISHES ARRIVE MOSCOW SATURDAY MAY 24 (PAN "AMERICAN 44 ETA 12:15 P.M.) AND DEPART 1:25 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 27.

2. WHILE IN MOSCOW COLLINS WISHES CONSULT STAFF OF AVIATION AND SPACE BUILDINGS AT EXHIBITION OF ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND TSIOLKOVSKI STATE MUSEUM FOR HISTORY OF COSMONAUTICS IN KALUGA. IN ADDITION, COLLINS WISHES MEET DR. IGOR POTCHITALIN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL ON

EXHIBITION, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE). POTCHITALIN VISITED COLLINS FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED ASCERTAIN WHETHER THESE OFFICIALS
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COULD RECEIVE COLLINS AT THIS TIME. COLLINS' VISIT CON-

SIDERED IMPORTANT TO FINAL STAGES MUSEUM PLANNING, AND OTHER COMMITMENTS LIMIT HIS ABILITY RESCHEDULE VISIT.

EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO ARRANGE VISIT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. IF POCHITALIN OR REPRESENTATIVE PREPARED RECEIVE
COLLINS, REQUEST THAT SOVIET ACADEMY AUTHORIZE SOVIET
EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO ISSUE VISA PER PARA 1 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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